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Turning the Page



Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, January 20, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were sworn in. I was honored to be there to witness the historic moment that offered renewed hope for millions, shattered a glass ceiling, and was an important first step toward healing our country.

In recent years, our nation has been tested like never before. However, I'm confident we will pull through it, and I'm thankful that the President made it clear he is ready to confront the pandemic. One of his first actions was to put forth another COVID relief package to help Americans. The "American Rescue Plan" includes funding for a robust vaccination strategy, assistance to families and small businesses, and funding for state and local governments that will help safeguard the jobs of first responders. We have been working diligently to fast-track it for consideration as soon as possible.

This focus on keeping people safe and communities healthy is

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Save The Date

SMALL BUSINESS TOWN HALL

Small business town hall with the Rhode Island Small Business Administration to discuss resources in COVID-19 relief packages.

Monday, February 22
11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Did You Know...?

EXTENDED ENROLLMENT

HealthSource RI has announced a special enrollment period due to COVID-19. It begins on February 15 and goes through May 15. >>

FAST FACT

1 in 3 young people will grow up without a mentor. Through critical guidance and support, mentoring makes an incredible difference in people's lives, and Rep. Langevin highlighted the impact the late Senator Claiborne Pell had on his life. >> precisely why I invited one of Rhode Island's very own frontline heroes, emergency physician Dr. Megan Ranney, to be my guest at the Presidential inauguration. Frontline workers like Dr. Ranney continue to work long hours and risk their own health to provide care to those who are ill. I wanted to take this special opportunity to highlight their invaluable contributions.

I am looking forward to working with an administration that embraces science and fact and is committed to strengthening our country by uniting us. In his inaugural address, the President emphasized that it's our shared values that bring us together as Americans. Those values, in particular a commitment to the truth, have been under attack these last four years from within the White House. The rampant spread of misinformation, aided and abetted by the former President, culminated in an attack on the Capitol, the very heart of our democracy.

I'm optimistic that President Biden is ready to turn the page on this dark time in our history and return integrity to the White House.

To keep up with the latest on COVID relief, please visit <u>my website</u> and follow me on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Lifespan Respite Care Program Reauthorized

With unanimous passage by the Senate and House, the <u>Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization</u>

Act was signed into law last month. The bipartisan legislation will improve access to respite care services by authorizing \$40 million for the Lifespan Respite Care program. I co-authored the Lifespan Respite Care Act that became law in 2006, and I'm thrilled this reauthorization will help the estimated 53 million family caregivers in the country.

In Other News

LIFE IN THE CAPITOL AFTER INSURRECTION

Rep. Langevin spoke to *The Providence Journal's* Mark Patinkin about his experience in the Capitol following the January 6th siege and his commitment to fulfilling his constitutional duty. >>

PROTECTING SUPPLY CHAINS

Rep. Langevin weighed in on the work of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission and the need to better protect supply chains following the SolarWinds hack. >>

REMEMBERING A JOURNALISM LEGEND

Rep. Langevin shared his respect and admiration of the late Rhode Island journalist Bill Rappleye. >>

THANKING THE RI NATIONAL GUARD

Rep. Langevin stopped by to thank members of the Rhode Island National Guard working to protect the Capitol and ensure the peaceful transition of power. >>

RAIMONDO NOMINATED

Rep. Langevin congratulated Governor Gina Raimondo on being nominated to serve as U.S. Secretary of Commerce by President Biden. >>

A NEW CYBER LEADER

Rep. Langevin lauded Anne Neuberger's appointment as Deputy National Security Adviser for Cyber and Emerging Technology and how it will complement the work of the National Cyber Director. >>



Defense Bill Strengthens Cybersecurity

In the waning days of the 116th Congress, the House and Senate voted to override former President Trump's veto of the National Defense Authorization Act. The annual defense bill contains 27 cybersecurity provisions I helped champion to strengthen national security as part of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission. In particular, the National Cyber Director Act, which I authored, created the Senate-confirmed position of National Cyber Director within the Executive Office of the President to coordinate policy and budget across government.

MAKING NEEDED CYBER INVESTMENTS

Rep. Langevin applauded President Biden's proposal to invest \$10 billion to enhance the nation's cybersecurity in response to the COVID pandemic that has heightened the use of technology. >>

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